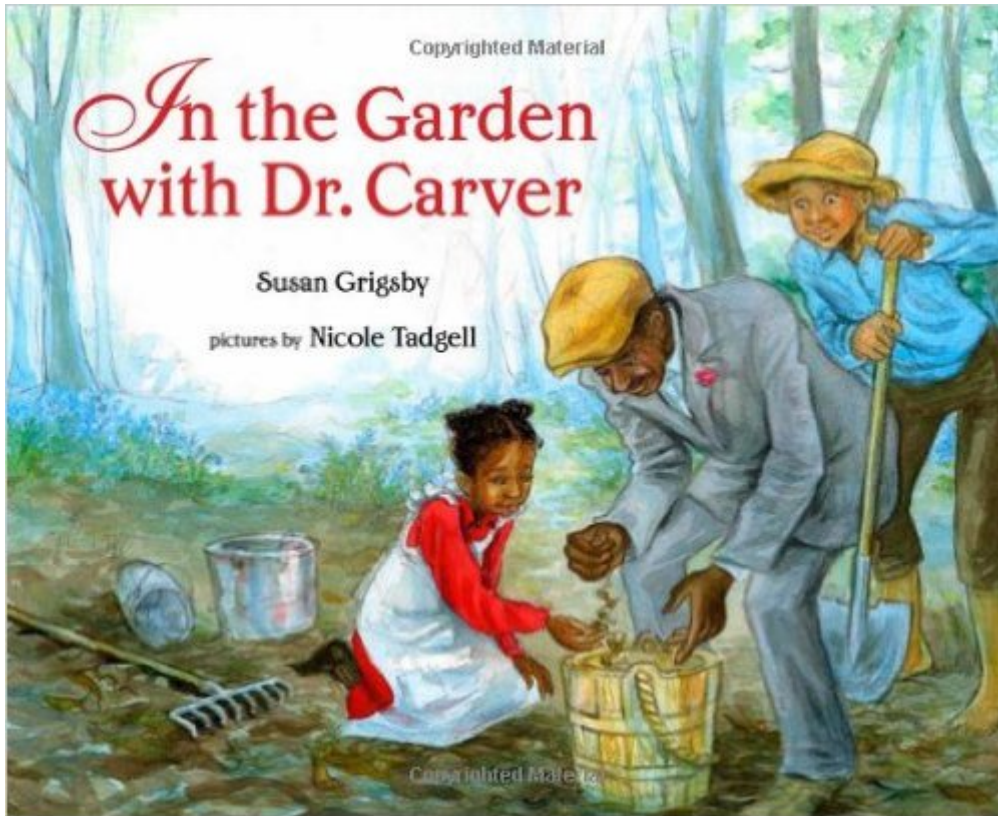


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# In The Garden With Dr. Carver



## Synopsis

Sally is a young girl living in rural Alabama in the early 1900s, a time when people were struggling to grow food in soil that had been depleted by years of cotton production. One day, Dr. George Washington Carver shows up to help the grownups with their farms and the children with their school garden. He teaches them how to restore the soil and respect the balance of nature. He even prepares a delicious lunch made of plants, including "chicken" made from peanuts. And Sally never forgets the lessons this wise man leaves in her heart and mind. Susan Grigsby's warm story shines new light on an African American scientist who was ahead of his time.

## Book Information

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Age Range: 5 - 8 years

Grade Level: 2 - 4

## Customer Reviews

Botanist and inventor George Washington Carver achieved professional acclaim with his scholarship in plant pathology and agriculture at the Tuskegee Institute in Alabama. His strong desire to use hands-on methods in teaching farmers and mentoring children led him to travel across the South in a wagon specially equipped with extension materials and pulled by a mule. Carver's novel use of the movable school contributed to improved understanding of how alternative crops such as peanuts and sweet potatoes could improve soil quality and diversify people's diets. As a highly educated and successful African American scientist, he also served as an important role

model for children at a time of rampant discrimination and racial segregation. This work of historical fiction presents young learners with a snapshot of George Washington Carver's extension work with children. Although the text and illustrations have a botanical focus, the story can motivate some useful economics-oriented discussions related to natural resources, innovation, and agricultural production. As one of the most famous African American inventors in U.S. history, Carver has left a rich legacy that is clearly presented in this appealing children's book.

Children will enjoy going back in time to early 1900s in rural Alabama as they learn more about African American scientist George Washington Carver in the book *In the Garden With Dr. Carver* by Susan Grigsby. As Sally leaves church, she sees a man in a wagon. This was no ordinary wagon but an educational wagon ran by a man with most usual ideas about gardening. Since the area had been used to grow cotton for many years, nutrients in the soil were stripped away. As a result, people found it difficult to get food to grow in the soil. Dr. Carver teaches the adults and children how to replenish nutrients in the soil and other things about nature. Sally and her friends at school eat lunch made from items taken from the garden, including some created by Dr. Carver such as chicken derived from peanuts. Sally was thrilled to have met this man and treasured all the things she learned from him. Complete with rich illustrations, children will find *In the Garden With Dr. Carver* not only engaging but educational with the addition of information about the work of George Washington Carver as the book ends.

I bought this for my son, who needed some info on George Washington Carver to write a story for school. It is a cute story that is historical fiction and does a good job of telling about things GWC did for the community.

Great book to teach science, social studies, and the significant contributions of other cultures. It's a fiction book based on the contributions of Dr. Carver. This book was in brand new condition and shipped quickly.

*IN THE GARDEN WITH DR. CARVER* by Susan Grigsby, pictures by Nicole Tadgell is a fascinating Children's book/Educational. Well written, with engaging characters, beautiful pictures and a great teaching tool for young readers. Easy to follow and a great read for grade levels Kindergarten - 3rd grade. This author has placed an interesting take on the African American Scientist, Dr. Carver, we all learned about in school, plus she has added much insight and strength into his story. A must read

for not only young readers but for Educators and adults alike. Received for an honest review from the publisher. RATING: 4.5 HEAT RATING: NONE (CHILDREN'S BOOK) REVIEWED BY: April R,  
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Good Children's book In the Garden with Dr. Carver

Gorgeous, intricate illustrations combine with artful, poetic text to create this lovely picture book about Dr. Carver. A fun read for children who love history and gardening.

This book is really lovely, inspirational and historical, and easy enough for a child to read. The pictures look like real characters. It should be part of the library for girls and boys.

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